

ANNE ARUNDEL GENTRY

*A Genealogical History of Some Early
Families of Anne Arundel
County, Maryland*

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In 1804 Robert H. Smith and Caroline his wife formerly Caroline Harwood, daughter of Thomas Harwood of Calvert County, instituted legal action in chancery against Joseph Wilkinson for their share of the legacy left by the grandmother. Joseph Wilkinson had disposed of the property by public vendue, but they had not received their share. On June 29, 1805, Joseph Wilkinson gave his reply to the court and justified the execution of the trust. Thomas Blake of Calvert County purchased the plantation but had not paid, waiting for a clear title. Ultimately, Caroline Smith received £649/6/10 and Thomas Harwood £461/16/10.⁸

Captain Thomas Harwood ultimately settled in Calvert County and was High Sheriff at one time. He patented land in Franklin County, Georgia, which on June 5, 1789, as Thomas Harwood 3d he sold for £172/10/- a 460-acre plantation on Barber's Creek to Edward L. Wailes. At that time no wife waived dower.⁹

Although the highest grade held by him during the Revolution was Captain, he was frequently styled Major Thomas Harwood in the post-Revolutionary period.

The destruction of Calvert County records by fire precludes any source research from wills and deeds, but a secondary reference states that "Captain Thomas Harwood of Lower Marlborough, son of Thomas and Rachel (Sprigg) Harwood, died 15 May 1791".

His son, Judge James Harwood was an issue of his father's marriage with Asnath Graham of Calvert County. He married June 10, 1823, Sarah Elizabeth Greenbury Kemp, daughter of Bishop James Kemp of Maryland.¹⁰ Their son James Kemp Harwood died 1895, aged 72 years, according to his obituary in the Baltimore American of 20 December 1895.

SOURCES: ¹ Pr. Geo. Co. Deeds, Liber CC no. 2, folio 625; ² Riley's Annapolis, p. 170; ³ Accounts of Md. Troops, Rev. War. Box 1, folder 14, no. 29; ⁴ Md. Archives, vol. 18, pp. 15, 17; ⁵ *Ibid*; ⁶ Calendar of Md. State Papers, Red Bk. no. 3, pt. 3, item 142; ⁷ Pr. Geo. Co. Deeds, Liber CC no. 2, folio 625; ⁸ Chancery Papers no. 5003; ⁹ Prov. Crt Deeds, Liber IG no. 3, folio 397; ¹⁰ Morgue, Md. Hist. Soc., Balto.

THOMAS HARWOOD⁴

(17--18--)

Thomas Harwood, son of Benjamin and his wife, was born in Prince George's County, though he was not named in the will of his father in 1813. On January 12, 1805, he secured license in Anne Arundel County to marry Charlotte Valette. She was the daughter of Elie Valette, supposedly of French lineage, but who declared himself at naturalization in 1764 to be a "German Protestant". He died testate in Anne Arundel County during 1780, and had at one time been active in civic affairs in Annapolis. He bequeathed his daughter, Charlotte, a negro, and requested that his friend, Thomas Harwood, Treasurer, Esq., assist his wife, Elizabeth, in selecting a home during her widowhood.